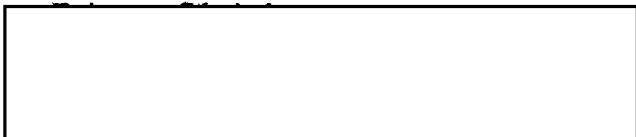


October 20, 1950

Brig. Gen. Bonner Fellers, USA-Ret.

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Dear Bonner:

Thanks very much for your congratulations on my new assignment and for your very generous comments with regard to my qualifications for the post. It promises to be as rough as anything I have yet undertaken, but if nothing else, there will at least be the satisfaction of doing a job that has to be done.

I appreciate your lead on [redacted]. Both of these men, and especially [redacted] appear to have backgrounds which could be very useful to the Agency. I am having my personnel people check carefully on both applicants to see if we can make use of them at the present time.

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Sincerely,

[Signature] "Bede" "

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W. E. SMITH



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cc: Personnel file on [redacted]
Personnel file on [redacted]

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